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## EDITORIAL NOTES

### MALPRACTICE INDEMNITY FUND.

If a good many members who have expressed approval of the plan presented in the July JOURNAL—whereby an indemnity fund is to be created, out of which fund any possible judgments or settlements in actions brought against contributors to the fund can be settled—do not act, the whole plan will fall. If you have not sent in your check for \$15 and your note for a like amount payable one year after date, do so at once. Find your copy of the July JOURNAL and read the details of the plan as therein presented. It is one of the best business propositions ever put before the members of the medical profession. Up to the time of writing, less than fifty subscriptions have been received, and more than fifty members have been heard to say that they intended to come in, that the idea was a fine one, etc. Approval without action may allow the plan to fall. Early in September a letter on the subject will be sent to every member of the Society. If you happen to be one of those who have already contributed, and receive this letter, pay no attention to it.

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Scientific Program of the State Medical Society has met, organized, and laid out an excellent plan for the scientific program of the next session, which will be held at Coronado. Dr. A. B. Grosse of San Francisco was elected Chairman, and Dr. R. A. Peers of Colfax, Secretary. The President of the Society, Dr. Kress, has strongly recommended to the Program Committee that they require abstracts of the papers to be read to be in the hands of the committee at least sixty days before the meeting. This will allow the abstracts to be published in the JOURNAL of the month before the meeting, and permit those who are interested to attend and discuss the papers which principally attract their attention.

At this meeting of the Program Committee there was unanimity of opinion on several points in regard to previous programs. First, too many papers; second, too little new or original work; third, an insufficient number of interesting symposia; fourth, too much textbook re-hash. It has been positively decided that the number of papers will be strictly limited and that the committee will require an abstract of every paper and will consider the nature and scope of papers, eliminating such as are considered undesirable. Original research work of present interest will receive preferential treatment. Time for lantern slides and demonstration of plates will only be allowed for original work and will not be allowed for showing copies from textbooks or previously published reports.

Those who are interested in the general program and wish to be represented therein should address Dr. R. A. Peers, Colfax.

Those who are interested in any one of the various sections should address the secretary of the particular section. It is to be remembered that the Society at the last meeting created two new sections: Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Nervous and Mental Diseases. The chairmen of these sections respectfully request that all members interested in the respective subjects address the secretary as soon as possible so that lists of those desiring to join these sections may be prepared. The following are the various sections of the Society together with their officers:

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Section.

Chairman, B. F. Church, Redlands.

Secretary, G. P. Wintermute, San Francisco.

Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Chairman, E. N. Ewer, Oakland.

Secretary, A. B. Spalding, San Francisco.

Genito-Urinary.

Chairman, Victor G. Vecki, San Francisco.

Secretary, W. E. Stevens, San Francisco.

Nervous and Mental Diseases.

Chairman, A. W. Hoisholt, Napa.

Secretary, J. Ross Moore, Los Angeles.